

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BOW,

Joseph B. B.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876;

TOGETHER WITH THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

CONCORD, N. H.:

PRINTED BY WOODBURY & BATCHELDER.

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REPORT.

Amount of taxes assessed in the town of Bow for
the year 1875, \$2,190 24

RECEIPTS.

Received of—	
Enoch Alexander, town treasurer for 1874,	\$1,841 34
Horace H. Parker, collector of taxes for the year 1874 in full,	529 77
Horace H. Parker, collector of taxes for 1875,	1,880 10
State treasurer, savings bank tax,	1,254 39
Railroad tax,	354 19
Literary fund,	69 23
County of Merrimack,	91 00
Interest on money,	25 00
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	\$6,045 02

EXPENDITURES.

Paid— Woodbury & Batchelder for printing town report for 1874,	\$32 00
Horace Call, for land damages,	50 00
Betsy Stark, for stone for bridge,	5 00
Selectmen for building road in District No. 14,	63 08
County of Merrimack for county tax,	958 01
Several school districts, school money,	956 86
Horace H. Parker, building committee in in District No. 11,	126 30

Paid—Witnesses in Saltmarsh case,	109 98
Non-residents highway receipts,	67 08
Horace Gage's estate for returning births and deaths in town of Bow, 1875,	1 75
Sargent & Chase, for professional services for 1875,	100 00
Dr. Haines, for professional services,	11 00
Willeby Colby, jr., town clerk, for 1875,	15 00
B. W. Sanborn, for books and stationery,	9 53
George W. Short, for services as S. S. Committee,	45 00
John W. Goodhue, guide-posts and setting the same,	13 00
Oliver P. Wilson, for making and letter- ing guide-boards,	30 00
William H. Norton, for team,	7 50
Manley Clough, for setting stone under town house,	3 00
Henry L. Burnham, for surveying highway,	1 50
Damage on wagon Horace P. Gage,	5 50
Horace H. Parker, for services as modera- tor for 1875,	3 00
Enoch Alexander, for services as town treasurer,	10 00
Horace H. Parker, for services as collector for 1875,	50 00
James Green, for board of selectmen,	9 00
Samuel C. Clement and others for plank for bridges,	58 83
For labor on highway,	224 95
For support of paupers,	160 75
For repairing town house,	313 32
Horace H. Parker, for abatement of taxes,	19 10
State treasurer, State tax,	1,072 00
James H. B. Palmer, for maintaining watering tub on highway up to March 1, 1876,	6 00
Dr. J. H. Adams, for return of births and deaths,	75
Andrew Gault, Enoch Alexander, and Samuel C. Clement, for services as au- ditors.	6 00

*Town of Bow to John W. Goodhue, to services
as Selectman for 1875.*

1875.		Dr.
March 20.	To drawing jury,	\$1 00
April 18.	To taking inventory, regulating books, making taxes and warrants, 14 days,	28 00
	To going to Concord for doctor for Calvin Clough's wife,	1 00
23.	To moving Sally Buntin's goods from Amos Johnson's to John J. Buntin's,	2 00
May 1.	To distributing highway surveyors' warrants and making appointments,	2 00
13.	To making copies of petition and order of notice for new highway in Dist. No. 14,	2 00
26.	To Concord one day at police court,	2 00
29.	To one half day laying out highway in Dist. No. 14,	1 00
June	To recording taxes on selectmen's book,	5 00
	To going to see Alonzo Jameson's family,	1 00
Aug. 19.	To going to Concord for doctor for Mandana Webber,	1 00
Oct. 1.	To taking inventory of real estate, 30 days,	60 00
	To one one day at assessor's meeting at Concord,	2 00
	To one day at Concord buying lum- ber, lime, paints, oils and hardware for town house,	2 00
29.	To one day spent in procuring the making of guide-boards,	2 00
Nov. 5.	To one day spent at P. Brown's and Concord on town business,	2 00
15.	To going to Dunbarton for guide- boards,	2 00
16.	To putting up guide-boards,	2 00
20.	To one day spent in paying bills con- tracted in repairing Town House,	2 00

25.	To two days on road hearing before Commissioners Aaron Lord and others against Bow and Dunbarton,	4 00
27.	To drawing jury,	1 00
Dec. 10.	To regulating jury box,	1 00
1876.		
Feb. 5.	To taking affidavits and making out the papers in Hannah Hammond and Sally Buntin's case,	2 00
8.	Settling with County Commissioners,	2 00
24.	On school district hearing, No. 1 in Bow and 23 in Concord,	2 00
25.	One day at Town House settling town accounts,	2 00
26.	To making check-lists and warrants and posting the same,	2 00
28 and 29.	To two days' settling town accounts, making reports and getting them printed,	4 00
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		\$140 00

*Town of Bow to Cavis G. Brown, to services
as Selectman for 1875.*

1875.		DR.
March 20.	To drawing jury,	\$1 00
April 16.	To taking inventory, making taxes and warrants, 12 days,	24 00
May 26.	To Concord one day at police court,	2 00
Oct. 9.	To taking inventory of real estate 30 days,	60 00
Nov. 1.	To one day with John Goodhue on town business,	2 00
Dec. 10.	To regulating jury box,	1 00
15.	To attending the meeting of assessors at Concord one day,	2 00
1876.		
Feb. 8.	To one day at Concord settling with County Commissioners,	2 00

Feb. 24.	To attending hearing in school district, No. 1 in Bow and 23 in Concord,	2 00
25.	To one day settling town accounts,	2 00
26.	To one day making check-lists and warrants,	2 00
28 and 29.	To two days settling town accounts and making reports,	4 00
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		\$104 00

*Town of Bow to Warren M. Davis, to services
as Selectman for 1875.*

1875.		DR.
April 16.	To taking inventory, regulating books and making taxes, 12 days,	\$24 00
30.	Distributing highway surveyors' war- rants one day,	2 00
May 24.	To one half day laying out road,	1 00
Sept. 1 to Oct. 9,	taking inventory and regulating books, 30 days,	60 00
Dec. 10. 1876.	To one-half day, regulating jury box,	1 00
Feb. 24.	To going to Concord on town busi- ness,	2 00
Feb. 25.	To one day settling town accounts,	2 00
Feb. 26.	To one day making check-list and warrant, and posting same,	2 00
Feb. 28 and 29.	To two days settling town ac- counts and making report,	4 00
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		\$98 00

	\$4,886 79
Money in hands of treasurer,	1,158 23
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	\$6,045 02

DEBTS DUE THE TOWN.

Due from Horace H. Parker, collector for 1875,	\$310 14
Cash in hands of treasurer,	1,158 23
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	\$1,468 37

THE TOWN IS OWING

School District No. 13, School Money,	\$69 70
Sargent & Chase, for professional services,	142 30
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	\$212 00
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Balance in favor of the town,	\$1,256 37

JOHN W. GOODHUE, } *Selectmen*
 CAVIS G. BROWN, } *of*
 WARREN M. DAVIS, } *Bow.*

We, the undersigned, auditors of the selectmen's and treasurer's accounts for the year ending March 1, 1876, certify that we have examined said accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ANDREW GAULT, }
 ENOCH ALEXANDER, } *Auditors.*
 SAMUEL C. CLEMENT, }

SCHOOL REPORT.



REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Jeremiah Ellis, prudential committee. Summer term was taught by Miss Sarah E. Burroughs. The pupils in this school were mostly small, but the closing examinations gave evidence that some progress had been made in their studies.

Winter term taught by Miss Jessie G. Prescott. Miss Prescott was much interested for the welfare of her scholars; and if they had appreciated her kind intentions, the result would have been a profitable term; as it was, good improvement was made by some of the scholars. In this district are some hard cases that should come under the rigid discipline of a stern male teacher.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Harrison Colby, prudential committee. Summer term taught by Miss S. Record. This teacher's literary qualifications for teaching were sufficient, and we hoped the school would prosper under her instructions; but we are sorry to report that the examination was not as satisfactory as we had anticipated.

Winter term taught by Harrison Colby. Mr. Colby is a teacher of experience and ability, and the results obtained this term were highly creditable to both teacher and pupil.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Isaac White, prudential committee. Angila E. Smith had charge of this school both terms. This was Miss Smith's first effort at teaching, but we think she succeeded well considering the discouragements under which she labored.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Henry A. Wheeler, prudential committee. This school was placed under the instruction of Miss Lrthera Wheeler, during the summer term. Her labors were crowned with success as in former years. In the teacher's remarks she says, "I can truly say that I have had a pleasant term of school. In no instance have been obliged to resort to punishment in any form, not one instance of whispering, tardiness, absence or dismission during the term.

Miss Ida M. Perkins taught the winter term. Miss Perkins is a teacher of experience, and well fitted for her occupation. It is surprising that so much enthusiasm could be created in so small a school.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Nathan Stevens, prudential committee. Summer term taught by Miss Etta J. Carley. Miss Carley is a teacher of ability, and under her instructions this school made good progress. In this school everything moved like watch-work, there was a time for everything and everything came at the proper time.

Winter term taught by Miss Jennie G. Stebbins. Miss Stebbins took the school where the former teacher left it and conducted it in the same good order; the closing exercises of both terms in this district are commendable to both teachers and scholars.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Alfred A. Elliott, prudential committee. One term taught by Miss Hattie E. Prescott. This teacher had superior qualifications and labored hard to benefit those under her charge. The register of this district shows that the school was very broken; but we think some progress was made in the studies.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Manley Clough, prudential committee. Miss G. A. Clough had charge of this school both terms. This was a very orderly school. Perfect sympathy existed between teacher and scholars. The examinations at the close of both terms were quite satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 8.

William E. Nesmith, prudential committee. Summer term taught by Miss Asenath A. Wheeler. This is the fourth term Miss Wheeler has taught in this district. She labored earnestly for the interests of the school and her efforts were seconded by the pupils. A good degree of improvement was made.

Winter term taught by Miss Flora M. Nesmith. This was Miss Nesmith's first attempt at teaching. Of this school the teacher remarks: "The term passed pleasantly and rapidly away; although the number was small yet a good degree of interest was manifested by the scholars." We think good progress was made, considering so short a term. The exercises at the close of the school would tend to confirm what she says of the scholars.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Ira Woodbury, prudential committee. Both terms of school were kept by Miss M. Belle Holmes. This was a very orderly school. Sympathy seemed to exist between teachers and scholars. The examinations at the close of each term were very satisfactory. Miss Holmes is a superior teacher.

DISTRICT No. 10.

George W. Colby, prudential committee. Miss Annette Hadley had charge of this school both terms, and fully sustained her former reputation as an experienced and successful teacher. The appearance of the school at the examination of both terms was very good and gave evidence of thorough work on the part of both teacher and pupils. We think that in this district are found two of the best scholars that have attended school in town the present year, Miss Hattie Colby and Miss Nellie Colby.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Leonard Kendall, prudential committee. Summer term taught by Miss L. F. Benson, who is an amiable and pleasant teacher. She gave general satisfaction to the district. The school appeared well at each visit of your committee, and at the close showed commendable improvement.

Winter term taught by Mr. John C. Hammond, an old and well-known teacher. His previous well-earned reputation was fully sustained, and the results all that could have been expected in so short a time.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Wm. B. Morgan, prudential committee. This school was placed under the instruction of Mrs. Lizzie M. Brown, both terms; an excellent teacher too well-known to require comment here. The people of this district have reason to congratulate themselves on the success of their school the past year, and also the present standing of the same.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Moses Perkins, prudential committee. We visited a school taught by Miss M. Belle Holmes, early last spring which commenced in February. The closing exercises were very commendable indeed.

There is now a school being kept by Miss Anna C. Rogers. We are unable to say much of this school, but think it bids fair to be one of our best schools, as the teacher seems willing to labor for the interests of those under her care.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Harrison Brown, prudential committee. Summer term taught by Miss Emma O. Curtice. This teacher has had some experience in teaching, and we think she labored to benefit those placed under her instruction.

Winter term taught by Mr. J. P. Brown. Mr. Brown is an energetic, efficient teacher, and has this term nobly sustained his former well-earned reputation. The pupils made good proficiency in all the studies pursued.

Before concluding this report a few thoughts and suggestions of a more general character may not be out of place. In reporting the whole number of scholars attending school in some of the districts the number thus reported is larger than really belong in the district, from the fact that scholars come in from other districts, and where it can be done to advantage we think the practice a good one.

The only change made in text-books has been the introduction of Monroe's Readers, which are used in all the schools in town with the exception of district No. 1, a change which has been of great practical benefit as we believe.

While our schools have not as yet attained that standard of excellence which we could wish, yet there are many things to encourage and prompt to still greater efforts than have yet been made. We think the schools during the past year, taken as a whole, will compare favorably with previous years; the same we think can justly be said of the teachers.

To the teachers we would say, you can do much to form the habits of the young. See that you direct their feet in the right way, and that the blight of immorality does not strike the tender plants in the spring-time of their existence.

The great object of education, is to develop the whole man—his physical, moral and intellectual faculties—and the teacher that does most for this is the most worthy of his hire. To mould the character and to bring into vigorous action the higher and nobler powers of the child-nature, in order to the accomplishment of the great purpose of his being, is truly an important task. And for this the common school has been established. The family and school are intimately connected. Home and school influence should blend together. The child should be taught at home to love law and order; to fear God and to keep his commandments; to be obedient and truthful, affectionate and kind. Then will the home and school education be powerful in giving character to the youthful mind. We believe that he who does most for the common school and for the proper education of the young, does most to honor God and bless mankind. The statistics of our prisons, show that ignorance is the parent of crime, and that disgrace in manhood is neglected childhood. With these suggestions your School Committee would close his report.

GEORGE W. SHORT,

Superintending School Committee.

Bow, Feb. 25th, 1876.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Terms.	Name of Teachers.	No. weeks of School.	Wages per month, including board.	No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Tardiness.	Dismissal.	Not absent one-half day.	No. visits of Supt.
1	Summer.	Miss Sarah E. Burrough.	8	\$20.00	10	6 57-80	6	4	1	2
	Winter.	Miss Jessie G. Prescott.	10	24.00	13	10 31-100	15	6	0	3
2	Summer.	Miss S. Record.	8	24.00	12	10	0	0	2	3
	Winter.	Mr. Harrison Colby.	9	24.00	11	9½	0	0	0	2
3	Summer.	Miss Angila E. Smith.	7	16.00	10	8	5	3	1	1
	Winter.	Miss Angila E. Smith.	12	16.00	10	9	0	0	2	2
4	Summer.	Miss Lathera Wheeler.	7	20.00	4	4	0	0	4	2
	Winter.	Miss Ida M. Perkins.	10	20.00	4	3 1-10	0	0	3	2
5	Summer.	Miss Etta J. Carley.	7	22.00	8	8	13	0	4	2
	Winter.	Miss Jennie G. Stebbins.	9	22.00	12	7	9	2	6	2
6	Summer.	Miss Hattie E. Prescott.	15	22.00	16	6 18-65	11	6	1	2
	Winter.									
7	Summer.	Miss G. A. Clough.	7	24.00	9	6 32-35	4	0	2	2
	Winter.	Miss G. A. Clough.	7	23.00	12	9 25-35	8	2	3	2
8	Summer.	Miss Asenath A. Wheeler.	7	20.00	8	4	9	0	0	2
	Winter.	Miss Flora M. Nesmith.	8	20.00	5	2	5	0	0	2
9	Summer.	Miss M. Belle Holmes.	8	16.00	14	13 51-80	11	1	6	2
	Winter.	Miss M. Belle Holmes.	6	18.00	14	13 2-30	3	0	2	2
10	Summer.	Miss Annette Hadley.	6	32.00	8	7½	38	7	0	2
	Winter.	Miss Annette Hadley.	9	32.00	12	8½	58	4	0	2
11	Summer.	Miss L. F. Benson.	10	20.00	14	12	12	2	3	2
	Winter.	Mr. John C. Hammond.	11	16.00	18	18 43-110	7	2	9	2
12	Summer.	Miss Lizzie M. Brown.	8	15.00	15	14 17-40	11	2	4	2
	Winter.	Miss Lizzie M. Brown.	9	15.00	11	9 4-45	5	2	0	2
13	Summer.	School keeping just com-								1
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14	Summer.	Miss Emma O. Cartice.	8	22.00	16	11	23	6	0	2
	Winter.	Mr. John P. Brown.	8	25.00	22	16 13-41	5	2	3	2